

**4. City of Tempe Housing & Redevelopment**—Shelter is one of the basic human needs and the City of Tempe housing programs bring many resources to help low income people have decent and affordable housing along with support services. A significant part of such services are represented in the Agency Review funding described above using part of the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received by the City which are allocated to local non-profit agencies.

Following is a summary of the City's direct housing programs and funding, first for the "Public Housing" programs (targeted to families between 0% and 30% of median income, about \$10,187 per year, and secondly for the "Affordable Housing" programs, targeted to 50-80% of median income, about \$18,025 per year. (Source: City of Tempe Housing & Redevelopment).

City of Tempe PUBLIC HOUSING Programs		
PROGRAM	NUMBERS SERVED 2000-2001	FUND SOURCE & AMOUNT EX- PENDED 2000-2001
<b>SECTION 8 TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE</b> - Includes <i>Certificates</i> (tenant pays no more than 30% of adjusted gross income) and <i>Vouchers</i> (tenant can pay more than 30% of AGI) Subsidy goes with family, not with rental unit.	838 households average leased per month <b>Waiting List: 1,577</b> as of 2/02, waiting time from 6-12 months to 10+ years, depending on preference priority. New applications suspended due to long wait.	U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) \$5,269,498
<b>FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY</b> – Assists Section 8 recipients to become self-sufficient through case management, education & training help, career counseling, child care & transportation help, parenting skills training, financial planning & budgeting, counseling education & job training	13 program graduates	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public service grant \$50,000

City of Tempe AFFORDABLE HOUSING Programs		
PROGRAM	NUMBERS SERVED 2000-2001	FUND SOURCE & AMOUNT EX- PENDED 2000-2001
<b>REHABILITATION/ REPLACEMENT/ LANDSCAPING</b> – rehabilitation or replacement of substandard housing, exterior landscaping. Included are <u>Rehabilitation Grants</u> up to \$7,500 and <u>Deferred Loans</u> up to \$25,000 maximum (no repayment unless property sold within 10 years)	29 households - CDBG Rehab 21 households - HOME Rehab 1 household - City funds Rehab 24 households - CDBG landscape	CDBG - \$783,465 HOME - \$471,208 City Funds - \$1,467,802 (includes other affordable housing activities)
<b>SLUM &amp; BLIGHT PROPERTY ACQUISITION</b> – buy, relocate, demolish properties for environmental clearance, Apache Boulevard Redevelopment Area.	4 households 2 properties	CDBG/City funds/ I.S.T.E.A. funds - \$1,016,938

City of Tempe AFFORDABLE HOUSING Programs—CONTINUED		
PROGRAM	NUMBERS SERVED 2000-2001	FUND SOURCE & AMOUNT EXPENDED 2000-2001
<b>COMMUNITY ASSISTED MORTGAGE PROGRAM</b> - helps low-income householders purchase a home in Tempe and also assists in the revitalization of neighborhood housing. The program provides deferred loans for down payments, prepaid expenses, closing costs and reduction of principal. Eligible applicants include first time homebuyers with incomes at or below 80% of area median income (e.g., \$29,750 for one person).	13 households	\$192,776
<b>FAIR HOUSING</b> - reducing barriers to the acquisition of affordable housing relating to discrimination on the basis of handicap, sex, race, family status and other factors. The City provides intake, investigation and conciliation of housing discrimination complaints through two staff members of the Housing and Redevelopment office, plus home purchasing seminars and classes.		\$2,235
<b>FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER</b> - through NewTownCDC. The program provides deferred loans for down payments, prepaid expenses, closing costs and reduction of principal.	1 acquisition - River-side neighborhood	\$123,132

In addition, the City makes one-time grants to assist human service organizations. For instance, these grants in 1998-99: a \$105,000 grant to Mesa CAN to construct the homeless men's shelter in Mesa; an \$8,220 grant to help build CASS Park in Phoenix; a \$75,000 grant to The Centers for Habilitation to construct housing for developmentally disabled; and payment or waiver of fees for Mercy Housing and Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$27,152.

**5. City of Tempe Transportation Division, Transit Section**—Transportation is often near the top of the needs list for the poor, those with disabilities and elderly. The City of Tempe Transit Section operates or facilitates a number of services that help with those needs. Following is the Transit budget and a brief summary of some of the services. (Source: City of Tempe Intranet site)

	1999-00	2000-01	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Total O&M (bus)	\$11,601,236	\$17,038,591	\$15,808,686	\$17,632,024	\$19,395,471
Total O&M (dial-a-ride)	\$1,041,466	\$1,293,348	\$1,191,323	\$1,288,983	\$1,351,113
<p><b>Bus service</b> in Tempe operates seven days a week from approximately 4:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., Monday through Saturday and from 5 a.m. to 12 a.m. on Sunday. Most Tempe bus routes operate every 15 minutes from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bus service also available on all major holidays. Service on major holidays follows a Sunday schedule. <b>Numbers Served: bus riders in 1999: 2,831,502</b></p> <p><b>FLASH</b> (Free Local Area Shuttle) - free neighborhood circulator buses linking residential areas to bus routes or major activity centers.</p> <p><b>Bicycle Program</b> - providing and improving more than 120 miles of bike ways to ADA standards.</p>					
<p><b>East Valley Dial-a-Ride</b> (operated by RPTA) is a shared-ride public transportation service for senior citizens age 65 and older (eligibility screening required) and persons with disabilities within the Cities of Tempe, Scottsdale, Mesa, Chandler &amp; Gilbert. <b>Numbers Served:</b> see below</p>					
NUMBERS SERVED	1999-00	2000-01	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Annual boardings (dial-a-ride)	58,765	51,567	50,702	53,237	55,899



### **C. New Sources of Revenue**

As the figures above in part A. indicate, the City of Tempe has increased its funding of human services significantly over the past several years. Some new sources of revenue have increased our capacity to meet the needs, notably the H2O funding from utility bill donations. However, needs for human services continue to grow (as the information in the next section shows) and the City's capacity to fund all the needs is limited. New sources of revenue are needed.

There has been discussion among City and TCC representatives about potential new sources of support for Tempe human service needs. For instance, following is a list from some recent brainstorming sessions.

1. Market H2O - Contributions to the H2O fund by Tempeans through their utility bills have provided an important new source of funds for human services. Over \$98,000 was raised in 2000 (including match). Additional marketing efforts could induce more people to give. Other direct contributions could be solicited to increase the H2O fund capacity.
2. Help To Others (H2O) Match - AZ Republic/McCormick Foundation has ceased the 50% matching of H2O funds donated by Tempeans through their utility bills. New funding partners are needed.
3. H2O Event Water Sales - As a tie-in with the H2O fund, the City of Tempe has bottled City water for sale at City and community events. A partner is needed to handle sales of the water to the public and funnel the income back into the H2O fund.
4. Charitable Tax Credit - AZ law provides for a state tax deduction for contributions to qualifying non-profit organizations. A Tempe non-profit could obtain the necessary state qualification and seek donations for use in funding applications to the City of Tempe.
5. "Cash Coyote" - The new Brickyard development, next to Moeur House and Hatton Hall, is providing an opportunity for new income, with a coin wishing well in the form of a Coyote, being implemented by a Tempe Leadership class.
6. New Moeur House Amenities - There is space on the north side of the Moeur House for possible addition of new amenities that might produce rental income, e.g., a barbecue/gazebo facility that could be used by Brickyard loft residents and others for weddings, tailgate parties or meetings.
7. Tempe Community Foundation - This fund was established some years ago within the AZ Community Foundation structure to produce funding resources for Tempe. No funds have been contributed since the initial deposits of about \$40,000. The fund could be revitalized and new contributions sought to help meet human service needs in Tempe. Endowment funds could be solicited to provide a permanent and ongoing fund.
8. Tempe Follies - Possibly partner with ASU Fine Arts to sponsor a "talent show" of local volunteers to benefit human services.
9. Dedicated Income Source - The concept of dedicated income source to fund human services has been discussed in the past, such as through existing tax income.
10. Pole/Sewer Robot Income - Cell-phone providers seek existing poles on which to put signal relay devices for cell-phone users. The City of Tempe could charge for use of their pole facilities for that purpose with the income going to fund human services. Also, sewer robots are being used to install wiring for which the City of Tempe might charge for use within City sewers or channels.

This is certainly not an exhaustive list and there are "pros" and "cons" to all the items listed. The main point, however, is that a serious effort to increase our funding capacity will be needed as part of the People Improvement Plan if it is to be successful.